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SUBJECT: LOS AND NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES

REF: A. STATE 86399; B. STATE 86290; C. STATE 85811

1. AS INSTRUCTED REF A, AMBASSADOR CALLED ON QUAI SECGEN  
DE COURCEL AFTERNOON MAY 15. AMBASSADOR MADE POINTS SET FORTH  
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REFS A AND B, POINTING OUT THIS DEMARCHE AT HIGH LEVEL WAS TO STRESS OUR SERIOUS CONCERN AND TO EXPLAIN PARTICULARLY THE PRESSURES WE FELT FROM THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN US.

2. DE COURCEL SAID FRENCH SHARE OUR CONCERN THAT FAILURE OF ICNAF COULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON LOS CONFERENCE. AT SAME TIME FRENCH ARE ANXIOUS NOT TO TAKE A POSITION PREMATURELY ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS OF ICNAF REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE, IN THEIR VIEW, FURTHER STUDY. FRENCH FEEL TOO HASTY ACCEPTANCE OF INADEQUATE REGULATIONS WOULD ALSO SET BAD EXAMPLE AND HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON LOS CONFERENCE. US DOMESTIC PRESSURES, FRENCH FEEL, ARE NOT SUFFICIENT EXCUSE TO RUN THIS RISK.

3. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT BECAUSE OF LINE UP OF DOMESTIC US INTERESTS AND PRESSURES IT WOULD BE WRONG TO ASSUME THAT CONGRESS WOULD NOT TAKE COURSE CONTRARY TO WHAT ADMINISTRATION WOULD PREFER. AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT US AND FRENCH EXPERTS

AGREED ON NEED FOR FURTHER REGULATIONS.

4. GIRARD ( SOUS- DIRECTEUR, UNIONS INTERNATIONALES, MFA), WHO SAT IN ON MEETING AND HAD BRIEFED DE COURCEL, OBSERVED THAT PROPOSALS ADVANCED BY US IN JANUARY RAISED NUMBER OF DIFFICULT TECHNICAL QUESTIONS WHICH HAD TO BE WORKED OUT AT TECHNICAL LEVEL. FRENCH HAD HOPED THAT AT MARCH MEETING AT WOOD' S- HOLE US EXPERTS WOULD ANSWER QUESTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN POSED. EMBOFF OBSERVED IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT US HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED IN JANUARY AT FAILURE OF OTHERS TO DISCUSS US PROPOSALS SERIOUSLY AND IN MARCH AT FAILURE OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE FACTS AND DATA. GIRARD AND DE COURCEL REPLIED HOWEVER, THAT FRENCH HAVE SAME OVERALL OBJECTIVE AS DO WE, BOTH WITH RESPECT TO ICNAF AND LOS CONFERENCE AND THEY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON NEED FOR FURTHER REGULATIONS IN ICNAF. THEY SPECULATED COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE WOULD PROBABLY GO PART WAY TO MEET OUR OBJECTIVES, PERHAPS AGREEING ON SOME PRELIMINARY MEASURES BUT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ADOPT FULLY OUR PROPOSALS WITHOUT FURTHER STUDY. THEY HOPED THIS PARTIAL PROGRESS WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR WASHINGTON TO RESIST PRESSURES FOR UNILATERAL ACTION OR WITHDRAWAL FROM ICNAF.

5. AMBASSADOR SAID IF FRENCH HAD CONCERNS ON TECHNICAL LEVEL RE US PROPOSALS, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO PASS SUCH CONCERNS ON TO CONFIDENTIAL

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WASHINGTON IN EFFORT TO SPEED AGREEMENT. GIRARD TOOK NOTE

OF AMBASSADOR' S OFFER.

6. SEPARATE REPRESENTATIONS TO MFA AND FISHERIES OFFICIALS BEING  
REPORTED SEPTTEL.  
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